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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Intelligence Support/DDI

SUBJECT: Activities of China Task Force

1. There has been no meeting of the China Task Force (CTF) since the first meeting reported in my memorandum to you dated 16 May 1966. The CTF Chief, Sidney Bearman, prefers to run activities himself or through the CTF Secretariat (currently me). Mr. Bearman's activities are more directly related to substantive intelligence. He is hoping soon to get to the study of production programs within the DDI. The Secretariat currently is concerned with support activities, as well as general coordination.

2. The CTF Subcommittee on Interface with CHIVE (with representatives from NPIC, FMSAC, OSI, OBI, OCI, MRA and ERA of ORR and the DDI/ISS member as chairman) has received a detailed briefing on SKAN and has evaluated the system. This Subcommittee will continue to support CHIVE. Additional analyst briefings are now being planned.

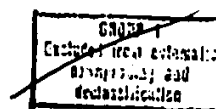
3. The Coordinator for Academic Relations, John King, is pursuing the review of source materials and reports which may be releasable to the academic world. I am working closely with him in this activity. He plans to prepare a policy statement on this issue for the DDI's signature in the very near future. Much of this material will be foreign language sources. OCR/Ly will most likely have to supply or reproduce those approved for release. Mr. King is also busy in arranging for additional academic consultants and planning for the training of DDI China specialists.

4. I am continuing activities related to preparing Chinese-English dictionaries and the study of an index of JPRS reports on China for use by the academic world. The work on the dictionaries is moving satisfactorily. The question of the JPRS index hangs upon the availability of a usable authority file or guide. Mr. Chandler, CIA/Ly is studying this matter. Coincidentally we may receive an assist from the Joint Committee on Contemporary China which is now also studying the establishing of an operation to undertake such an index.

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5. The CTF Secretariat prepares a chronology of activities, biweekly being changed to monthly, which Mr. Bearman sends to the DDI.

6. Please let me know if you wish any specific procedure for me to keep you better informed on any regular basis.

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